



- **Sample Blog From Kenyan Students**

From Paul Mwangi Kenyatta University

On behalf of Kenyatta University students I appreciate your interaction, dedication, your time to this consortium. Thanks a lot for your responses and questions. I long for the day we shall sit and talk face to face. We are happy to be associated with you. Feel free to ask any thing about Kenya, Africa, HIV /AIDS or any thing else to any of us. You can direct questions to any student so that we can avoid repetitions during responses else I am grateful. Have a nice time. In Kenya we say “mbarikiwe Sana na muwe na wakati mwema”(be blessed and have a good time) Shukrani (thanks)

To south Carolina Sumter students

1. B.Armstrong, its fun to interact with you.

- Q. How is life like for black Americans in the states?
- Q. Do you suffer some forms of discrimination?
- Q. How is the studies out there?
- Q. Do you have passion for Africa and have you ever visited Africa
- Q. Is it true that many blacks don't go to school

2. J .Kashawna, thanks for your passion to help the needy. Kenya is a nice place to fulfill your dreams. Mainly its poverty that leads to spread of the disease hope I will welcome you soon to Kenya and may God help you to attain your dreams. In deed I welcome to Kenya.

3. J.Reynolds, wows! I am eager to meet you am sure you will like Kenya else we shall link up once you come. By the way do you plan to be a marine or how is your perception to soldier life?

4. B.Smith, the sky is the limit keep up and welcome to our country. What are your hobbies?

Answers to [Michelle Schrand's questions \(MC\)](#) by [Paul Mwangi \(KU\)](#):

HIV is a virus that causes AIDS and the latter is disease for similarity when one gets HIV, it replicates in the body weakening the immune system of the person thus the person is unable to produce enough white blood cells to fight the

pathogens is makes one sick at the slightest infection by a microorganisms the symptoms from these is what is referred to as AIDS.

The disease has caused many deaths especially to young people personally I have lost two cousins through it one of whom was my closest friend the reason I became an activist.

Answers to [Allison Griffin's questions](#) (MC) by [Paul Mwangi](#) (KU):

I eat ugali, fish, rice, giheri (mix of beans and maize) irio (combinations of different ingredients) vegetables just but to name a few. We do our shopping at dukas (small shops), we have big supermarkets and open air markets where a lot of people meet to buy and sell goods. It's fun to shop in Kenya.

Our education system is very difficult. Competitive but not market driven starts with Level min age period qualifications to join GVT schools

- Nursery 5-6yrs 1yrs age
- Primary 6 -13yrs 8yrs pass
- Secondary 14-18yrs 4yrs A_
- University 20 -24yrs 4yrs B+

ie 8.4.4 system for you to get a 1ST degree else masters takes 2yrs PhD takes 3yrs thus for you to be a doctor you must take a minimum of 29 years of reading imagine! So most people pass the exams but cut-off points are very high eg out of 220,000 who sat for Secondary exams and passed only 15,000 will join public universities the reason Kenyans seek for education outside the country another factor is that it's very expensive. Wish I had more time for this but we shall talk more.

Answers to [Jadie Baldwin's](#) (MC) questions by [Paul Mwangi](#) (KU):

Get education, get employment, and do business

Kenya is a fancy county especially if you have money. It has natural sceneries e.g. great rift valley, mountains, lakes. Beaches and animals that attracts people from all over the word the reason why tourism is the highest foreign exchange earner. It has culture traditions, recreation centers. Hope you will one day visit us and will walk you to all these places. There is a saying that goes "if you have never visited Kenya you are yet to see the world."

Programs Visit www.ku.ac.co

For games we have most of known games e.g. football, Volleyball, Rugby, Lawn tennis, Bad Minton, Athletics, and many more

For clubs we have over 100 clubs and organizations. Again website will help.

Answers to [USC Sumter students' questions](#) by [Paul Mwangi](#) (KU):

Q. 1. Can I tell if some one has AIDS?

No a person suffering from HIV AIDS is very normal and cannot be diffrenciated from a HIV negative its thus hard to diffrenciate the two unless testing is done.

Q. 10. Is testng available in school?

Yes, we have a vct in the university and many others all over the country but the prblems is that many people fear visiting them and fear knowing their status. we thus have university AIDS TESTING DAY each year.